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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 49

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7 H.P. 44

House of Representatives, January 5, 1983

8 Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered
9 printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Wentworth of Wells.

Cosponsors: Senator Wood of York, Representative Murphy of
11 Kennebunk and Representative Rolde of York.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT To Amend the Concealed Weapons
18 Law.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2032, sub-§1, ¶B-1 is enacted
23 to read:

24 B-1. Has not been found guilty of operating a
25 motor vehicle while under the influence of intox-
26 icating liquor or drugs within the last 3 years;

27 Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2034, first ¶, as enacted by PL
28 1981, c. 119, §2, is amended to read:

29 The authority permitted to issue permits as pro-
30 vided in section 2032 shall revoke a permit if it is
31 determined that a material misstatement was made on

1 the application, that the permit holder has been con-
2 victed of a violation of section 2031, that the
3 permit holder has been found guilty of operating a
4 motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicat-
5 ing liquor or drugs, or that the permit holder other-
6 wise becomes ineligible to make an application under
7 this chapter.

8 STATEMENT OF FACT

9 The purpose of this bill is to increase the
10 number of reasons town councillors, aldermen or other
11 designated issuers of concealed weapons' permits have
12 to deny the granting of such permits. The bill also
13 expands the number of reasons available for the revo-
14 cation of such permits.

15 The additional basis for denial or revocation of
16 a concealed weapons' permit added by this bill is the
17 permittee's or prospective permittee's conviction for
18 operating a motor vehicle under the influence of
19 intoxicating liquor or drugs. The rationale for this
20 change in the law is simply that driving while drunk
21 demonstrates extreme social irresponsibility and dis-
22 regard for the value of human life; a person exhib-
23 iting such attitudes should not be trusted with a
24 concealed weapon.

25 The bill specifies that a prospective permittee
26 may be denied a concealed weapons' permit if he has
27 been found guilty of drunk driving within the last 3
28 years. Further, a permittee can have his permit
29 revoked if he is found guilty of the same offense
30 while holding a permit.

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